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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair.

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES".

There is a tacit understanding in official circles here, despite the commitment of certain leaders to the contrary, that gambling and other indulgences are to "open up" gradually, and unless resisted promptly and effectively, will be allowed to become a revenue-policy of the city again and take out the economies that have been forced upon her. The signs of the times are unmistakable; there are preparations being made in certain quarters; there are certain well known people coming to the city that have not been here since the old regime was broken; and there is guarded talk of the program on the part of those nearest the schedule, that make for the conviction. Some are frank enough to say that the city cannot be run unless this system is put in vogue again.

This is not unexpected. For, while the tone of the recent campaign here was not significant of these things and they were tentatively kept in the background, it has been conceded that this was the ultimate course that would be taken, and the election of several men known to be wholly committed to the policy, sanctions the assumption.

We are simply putting out a warning to all concerned. To those who do not yet realize the ultra purpose of those pledged to this revival; to those who will be held officially responsible for the break; and to those next and nearest to the business. When the time comes the Astorian will put out specific information confirming the situation and proving the facts as they develop. Then the people can set about the work of undoing the thing if they want it undone; and if they do not, the Astorian will know what to do on its own account. We believe there will be plenty doing and that the people of the county itself will be drawn into the final course of adjustment. So be it!

GIVE US THE RAIN!

Once there was a tourist-chap at the upper end of the Willamette Valley who declared that the name "Oregon" was a diminutive of the expression "Oh! Rain Again", and as he left the State for good shortly after it is safe to infer that he resented the rain as much as his neighbors resented the slanderous witticism. But, be that as it may, the normal Oregonian will take his rain in almost any volume in preference to the refrigerating forces of snow and ice and bitter east wind.

They very much prefer the warm southwest wind with its deluges of rain and its murk of clouds and fog and mist. It is their normal winter condition and has its distinct advantages, especially when measured with the reverses of frosty sunshine and biting blasts from out the east with their strain and drain upon the human system and their faculty for drawing out every latent ill undreamt of.

Down here at the mouth of the Columbia we get our customary 70 or 80 inches of rain and are glad to have it; it fits, and favors, and we flourish on it; and what of monotony it may impose but lightens and brightens the wonderful sunshine that 60 cents per month by carrier.

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OREGON'S BOUNDARY AS FINALLY DETERMINED

OREGON'S MASTER FISH WARDEN SENDS A COPY AND PLAT OF THE DECISION

The Morning Astorian is indebted to Master Fish Warden H. C. McAllister, of this State, for a fine blue print of the northern boundary line of the State of Oregon, as recently adjudicated in the court of last resort, the United States Supreme Court at Washington, accompanied by a verbatim copy of the decision covering the findings of the court; the whole making a very appreciable record of the great case and an unfailing source for reference in the event of further disputes on the river with regard to the fisheries.

Among other things touched upon in the letter Mr. McAllister has the following to say about certain elements of the decision which were somewhat disappointing to him:

"I am mailing you, under separate cover, a blue print of the Columbia River, showing the boundary line as established by the recent decision of the United States Court. Whilst this map may not be correct as to the location of the sands and islands, in the river, it illustrates the boundary and shows that Oregon has been deprived of license fees for years that really belonged to her. With the map, I am also enclosing an exact copy of the decision as handed down by Justice Brewer.

"You will notice on the map that Puget Island divides the channel. My contention is that the present Cathlamet channel was, in former years, the north ship channel; and in addition to all the sands that we have been given by the recent decision, I am satisfied that Puget Island is also the property of this State. However, this island was not covered in this case. The evidence only reached as far as Skamokawa Creek. I have taken the matter up with our attorney-general and hope to have his opinion in a few days."

The Astorian hopes, at an early day, to present to its readers a perfect reproduction of the map and

SPUR MAY BE BUILT BY THE A. P. C. COMPANY

GROUND LOOKED OVER CAREFULLY AND ESTIMATES TO BE MADE BEFORE DECIDING

The Morning Astorian learned last evening from a prominent member of the Astoria Clay Products Company, that that concern is contemplating the construction of a spur from the brick plant in Alderbrook to the main-line of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company for the subsequent dispatch of its output.

The matter is purely tentative at present, and has not even reached the stage of negotiation, though the Products company is endeavoring to ascertain the range of cost involved, in conjunction with other correlative matters such as the opening of 46th street and the construction of dockage facilities at the river end of that thoroughfare.

In this behalf a number of directors of that company, with Messrs. Alfred Hammerstran and Giles B. Johnson, of the A. & C. service, visited the territory involved, yesterday and made a cursory estimate of the scope of the improvement and their findings will be tested out to a financial conclusion; and if all goes well, and the scheme is wholly practicable, it will undoubtedly be carried out in the early future.

lines alluded to, showing the island property of the State inuring by virtue of the decision.

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The Chances Are Always Vastly Against the Player.

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"After fifteen years of experience at Monte Carlo," writes a newspaper correspondent, "costing a sum I should be ashamed to name, after a thorough investigation of more than 400 different systems and progressions, after having employed a mathematician, I can say with certainty that it is absolutely impossible for any system to win at Monte Carlo. Sir Hiram Maxim is wrong when he says the chances are ten to one against the player. I say they are a hundred to one against the player."

This is rather an overstatement, for a few players do win, by luck, not by system, or by a system based on luck, as when a man backs the number of his hotel room or a woman backs her age. Perhaps 2 or 3 per cent of the players win occasionally, and the rest lose. Not only because of the bank's percentage and the restraining maximum, but because this is a struggle between a man and a machine—a man with nerves and emotions, a machine with no nerves and no emotions. Let the system be ever so perfect, the gambler with strength of will to follow it has not yet been born. If he had such strength of will, he would not be a gambler.—Cleveland Moffett in Success Magazine.

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